

NEW APPLICATION  
Atty. Docket No. 200208949-1

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin M. Goodwin

Application No.: NEW Group: Not Assigned

Filed: January 30, 2004 Examiner: Not Assigned

For: Forestalling Use of Duplicate Volume Identifiers

**LETTER REGARDING CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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January 30, 2004

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

Attorney Docket No.	Title	Filing Date	Group
200208944-1	Blocking Access by Preventing Completion of Volume Mount Request	1/30/2004	Unassigned
200208943-1	Switching I/O States for Volume Without Completely Tearing Down Stack	1/30/2004	Unassigned
200208937-1	Selectively Establishing Read-Only Access to Volume	1/30/2004	Unassigned
200208947-1	Forestalling Actions that Otherwise Would Defeat Access-Control Mechanism for Volume	1/30/2004	Unassigned
200208949-1 **	Forestalling Use of Duplicate Volume Identifiers	1/30/2004	Unassigned

**\*\* Present Application**

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

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The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents or otherwise publish, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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